

Robert Daniel Stirling CAMM



Regimental No. 4380
Place of birth Port Adelaide, South Australia
School State School, Monbulk, Victoria
Religion Church of England
Occupation Farmer
Marital status Single
Age at embarkation 28 years 11 months
Next of kin Father, Thomas Daniel Camm,
Monbulk PO, Monbulk, Victoria
Enlistment date 6th January 1916. Unit embarked
from Melbourne, on board RMS
Orontes on 29th March 1916
Rank on enlistment Private
Unit name 21st Battalion A.I.F., 11th
Reinforcement

1915 - 1916 In Egypt in training with the 21st Battalion at Ismailia, Suez Canal etc.
1916 March Arrived in France with Division and then to Fleurbaix onwards to Amiens, Somme, Mouquet Farm to
Ypres and to winter of 1916-1917 in Somme area with Brigade.
1917 April - October With Unit continuously in and out of trenches from Bullecourt to Passchendaele
1917 8th September Granted leave in England. From personal diary: "*Leave to Blighty*" from Etchingham Station, England
and Scotland until end of September when diary ends.
1917 29th September Rejoined Unit in Front Line at Ypres, Menin Road to Passchendaele.
1917 4th October Reported killed in action at Passchendaele Belgium. No further word.
Fate Killed in Action 4th October 1917 at Passchendaele, Ypres, Belgium
Place of burial No known grave
The Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial (Panel 23), Belgium
Panel No., Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial 93

Other details War service: Western Front
Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Born 11th February 1887 to Annie *nee* Bahns and Daniel Camm.
Described as 5 ft., 5 1/4 in., 150 lb., brown eyes and brown hair.
Died aged 31.8 years

Commemoration details

The Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial (Panel 23), Belgium

The Menin Gate Memorial (so named because the road led to the town of Menin) was constructed on the site of a gateway in the eastern walls of the old Flemish town of Ypres, Belgium, where hundreds of thousands of allied troops passed on their way to the front, the Ypres salient, the site from April 1915 to the end of the war of some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

The Memorial was conceived as a monument to the 350,000 men of the British Empire who fought in the campaign. Inside the arch, on tablets of Portland stone, are inscribed the names of 56,000 men, including 6,178 Australians, who served in the Ypres campaign and who have no known grave.

The opening of the Menin Gate Memorial July 1927 so moved the Australian artist Will Longstaff that he painted 'The Menin Gate at Midnight', which portrays a ghostly army of the dead marching past the Menin Gate. The painting now hangs in the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, at the entrance of which are two medieval stone lions presented to the Memorial by the City of Ypres in 1936.

Since the 1930s, with the brief interval of the German occupation in the Second World War, the City of Ypres has conducted a ceremony at the Memorial at dusk each evening to commemorate those who died in the Ypres campaign.